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By Finney R.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 10 and Title 16, Chapter 5, relative to ineffective assistance of counsel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 5, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated section thereto:

§ 16-5-114.

When any criminal conviction is reversed in whole or in-part on the basis of ineffective assistance of counsel, the clerk of the court of criminal appeals shall report the attorney whose legal assistance was found to be ineffective to the disciplinary counsel for the board of professional responsibility of the supreme court of Tennessee. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.